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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed January 22, 2007, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-66, 68-69 and 71-74, drawn to a surgical instrument) and elect species "1a" (Figs. 2-5) without traverse.

The Office Action requires the Applicant to list all of the claims corresponding to the elected species. Currently pending claims which do not recite a limitation that precludes them from reading on the elected species, which are thus representative of the elected species are claims 1-3, 5-17, 20-22, 24-26, 29-31, 39-53, 55-60, 62, 63, 65, 66, 68 and 69.

As noted in the Office Action, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the

elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

The following list outlines which of the above elected claims are generic:

Independent claim 1 – is generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1, 1c-2, 2a and 2b;

Dependent claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-17, 20-22, 24-26, 29-31, 39-43 – are generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1, 1c-2, 2a and 2b;

Dependent claim 3, 7 and 10 – are generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1 and 1c-2;

Independent claim 44 – is generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1, 1c-2, 2a and 2b;

Dependent claims 45 and 47-52 – are generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1, 1c-2, 2a and 2b;

Dependent claims 46 and 53 – are generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1 and 1c-2;

Independent claim 55 – is generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1, 1c-2, 2a and 2b;

Dependent claims 56, 59 and 60 – are generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1 and 1c-2;

Dependent claims 57 and 58 – is generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1, 1c-2, 2a and 2b;

Independent claim 62 – is generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1 and 1c-2;

Dependent claims 63, 65 and 66 – are generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1 and 1c-2;

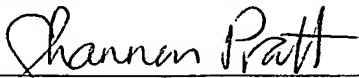
Independent claim 68 – is generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1 and 1c-2;

Dependent claim 69 – is generic to species 1a, 1b, 1c-1 and 1c-2;

An action on the merits of all the elected claims and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Please charge any fee or fee deficiency occasioned by this response to Deposit Acct. No. 23/2825.

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